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June 28, 2001

BEFORE THE
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF WISCONSIN

Application of CenturyTel of the Midwest-Kendall, Inc., for
Rate Increase and Petition for Emergency Order for Rate Increase

2815-TR-103

AMENDED NOTICE OF HEARING

Public Hearings:

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| <u>Superior</u> – Wednesday, July 11, 2001 Times: 2:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. Place: UW-Superior Rothwell Student Center 1600 Catlin Avenue, Room 218 Superior, WI | <u>Marinette</u> – Thursday, July 12, 2001 Times: 2:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. Place: City Hall City Council Chambers 1905 Hall Avenue Marinette, WI |
| <u>Berlin</u> – Monday, July 16, 2001 Times: 1:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. Place: City Hall City Council Chambers 108 North Capron Berlin, WI | <u>Madison</u> – Monday, July 23, 2001 Time: 10:00 a.m. Tuesday, July 24, 2001 Times: 2:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. Place: Public Service Commission of Wisconsin Building Amnicon Falls Hearing Room, First Floor 610 N. Whitney Way Madison, WI |

On October 23, 2000, CenturyTel of the Midwest-Kendall, LLC (formerly CenturyTel of the Midwest-Kendall, Inc.) (Kendall), as a rate-of-return regulated telecommunications utility, filed an application for both an interim and final increase in telephone rates pursuant to Wis. Stat. §§ 196.02, 196.03, 196.20, 196.219(2m), and 196.37. On December 5, 2000, the Commission issued a Notice of Proceeding, Investigation, Assessment of Costs, and Hearing. A hearing was held on the application for interim relief on January 29, 2001. The Commission issued an interim decision on April 18, 2001, granting Kendall an \$8,839,000 annual rate increase, subject to refund with interest pending a final decision in this proceeding. Such rates will be in effect until superseded by an order establishing new permanent rates.

This hearing is to: 1) determine whether a refund to Kendall's customers is required for the subject-to-refund period and, if so, the distribution of such refund; and 2) establish permanent rates for Kendall's customers.

The utility is responsible for giving notice to its customers of the filing of its application with the Commission and, pursuant to Wis. Admin. Code § PSC 2.73, for producing proof of notice at the hearing.

NOTICE IS GIVEN that hearings regarding Kendall's telephone rates will be held in accordance with the schedule set forth at the beginning of this notice. Kendall has established a toll-free telephone number (1-888-481-9998) to verify dates, times, and places for the public hearings. The hearings beginning on Monday, July 23, 2001, at 10:00 a.m. in the Amnicon Falls Hearing Room at the Public Service Commission Building, 610 North Whitney Way, Madison, Wisconsin, will continue at times to be set by the presiding Administrative Law Judge. This building is accessible to people in wheelchairs through the Whitney Way first floor (lobby) entrance. Parking for people with disabilities is available on the south side of the building. Any person with a disability who needs additional accommodations should contact the docket coordinator listed below.

This is a Class 1 proceeding as defined in Wis. Stat. § 227.01(3)(a).

The Commission does not discriminate on the basis of disability in the provision of programs, services, or employment. Any person with a disability who needs accommodations to participate in this proceeding or who needs to obtain this document in a different format should contact the docket coordinator listed below.

Questions from the media may be directed to Jeffrey L. Butson, Public Affairs Director at (608) 267-0912.

Questions regarding this matter may be directed to docket coordinator Kevin Klingbeil at (608) 267-9504.

Dated at Madison, Wisconsin, _____

By the Commission:

David C. Whitcomb
Administrative Law Judge

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